



Guess Who's Coming To Dinner!



Tom T. seems a little reluctant to accompany friend Eric Schredlich from the Maiden Valley Poultry Farm.

photo by Jack Devine

Town Ordinances For Winter

The Agawam Dept. of Public Works wishes to remind residents of certain town ordinances regulating winter parking and snow plowing.

During the period of November 17 through April 1st, parking of vehicles on streets and ways in Agawam is prohibited on that side of the street on which buildings have an odd street number. This ordinance applies at all times

except during snow plowing operations or a declared emergency.

During snow plowing operations, any vehicles interfering with such work may be removed or towed away at the owner's expense. In general, any vehicle parked on a street during plowing and snow removal operations interferes with such work and will be removed.

If the accumulation of snow

and ice on the public ways is such that the parking of vehicles on these ways impedes or prevents the passage of emergency service vehicles or police vehicles, then the Town Manager may declare via radio and TV announcements that a state of emergency exists. During the state of emergency, the parking of vehicles on a public way is prohibited. The penalty for violation of this ordinance shall be \$15 for the first offense and \$25 for the second and all subsequent offenses.

Finally, the town ordinance provides that no persons plowing, pushing or shoveling snow or ice from private parking lots, driveways, or sidewalks in or upon any street shall leave any ridge of ice or snow or other debris upon the street as to cause hazardous or dangerous conditions.

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Construction Halted On Amphitheater

by Gail Loncto &

Lou Guevin

The construction on the new town community cultural center has been stopped according to informed sources.

On November 16, 1978, Councilor Paul Fieldstad announced the building of a \$60,000 amphitheater to be financed with surplus funds from the new town library project. Questions concerning the funding of this structure have caused considerable confusion.

Mr. Fieldstad claims that if the library surplus is returned to the EDA (Economic Development Administration) which provided the town \$608,000 in the form of a grant for the construction of the new library facility, the town stands to lose three-quarters of the \$60,000 excess, or \$45,000. In a letter from EDA Director John Corrigan to Agawam resident

Arthur Leary, Corrigan stated, "the Regional Director may permit a grantee to withdraw the local share from the project in the event of a cost overrun."

In further correspondence with the EDA director, Mr. Leary received a letter stating, "the EDA planning target of \$608,000 was in no way predetermined by the available local share."

Conflicting opinions on the status of the money by the library building committee and the EDA have now left the project on hold until the matter can be straightened out.

Councilor Dennis Roberts stated that he had received conflicting information on the issue and was concerned over the lack of actual facts. He further stressed the need to find the answers to all of the questions before a decision on

the project can be reached.

When contacted, Councilor Kenneth Barnes commented, "This really angers me. They (the building committee) never came back to the Council for approval of the amphitheater." He noted that the first he knew about the additional construction was when he read an article in the *Springfield Daily News*.

The main question then concerns ownership of the \$60,000 surplus. Before any further action is taken on the proposed construction, the town administration must determine whether the surplus monies are part of the \$192,000 pledged to the project by the town of Agawam, or whether it is part of the \$608,000 EDA grant.

Town Manager Peter Caputo is expected to receive questions from the Council on the matter before a final decision is reached.

NEWS UPDATE: In an informal vote by the Town Council before Monday night's (11/20) meeting, consensus of the Council to abandon construction of the amphitheater. The Library Building Committee was directed to seek alternative uses for the surplus funds.

School Committee Approves Controversial Bus

by Lou Guevin

In a surprise move, School Committee Chairperson Vanetta Snyder made a motion to add a jr. high bus to the North-North Westfield Streets area for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Snyder stated that her concern for the safety of the children crossing both North St. and the shopping area in Feeding Hills Center as her reason for the motion.

The nineteen students who have been walking were allowed to ride the bus the first week of school, but were removed because of overcrowding on the bus. During that first week, over ninety students rode the bus in question.

Mrs. Snyder went on to say that a study was being conducted on busing throughout the town and recommendations would be made for next year.

Committee member Joseph Napolitan argued that elementary-grade students were walking "the same hazardous area" from the Belvedere St. area. He said he wondered whether "we would bus these students."

He went on to say that the Transportation Committee, comprised of Police Chief Stanley Chmielewski, School

Department Business Manager James Coon and President of DePalma Transportation Joseph Ferrara, had sent a letter to the School Committee indicating that there were other areas of town equally as unsafe as the North-North Westfield Streets area was. "If three experts indicate it is safe then I'll have to respect their opinion," Mr. Napolitan indicated.

Thomas Ennis, who has voted for the extra bus from the initial motion, asked where the funds would come from. He stated that "the council did not act in a business-like manner," referring to the defeating of the transfer of funds after the school committee had asked the council to table their request. The tabling request was made so that the school committee could look through their own budget to find any surplus funds in which to transfer to the transportation account.

After the meeting, Jessie Fuller indicated that she was "very surprised at the motion... it could set a precedent." She said, "This is a political football in an election year which is coming up. Mrs. Snyder represents that area." Mrs. Fuller was concerned as

to where the funds for this bus would come from. "I'm concerned about the safety of the children, also," she further stated.

When the vote was taken, three members (Richard Borgatti, Jessie Fuller and Joseph Napolitan) voted in the negative because of funding problems. Richard Borgatti moved to have the motion reconsidered, but this motion was defeated 3-4, with the same three voting in favor. He then asked to have the matter of funding the bus placed on the next meeting agenda.

Dr. Ernest Canava, Superintendent of Schools, said, "I don't know where the funds will come from. We will have to look closely at the budget."

School Department Business Manager James Coon indicated to the committee that reimbursement from the state would not offset any of the additional cost of transportation because some of the students were being bussed under 1 1/2 mile limit. "The total cost will be borne by the Town of Agawam," he stated.

Final approval of the transfer of any funds will have to come from the Town Council.

Home Box Office Listings

**Wednesday
November 22**

6:00 TELEFON (PG-1:43)
8:00 ANOTHER MAN, ANOTHER CHANCE (PG-2:08)
10:30 SPECIAL DELIVERY (PG-1:39)
12:30 THE BETSY (R-2:05)

**Thursday
November 23**

3:00 OLD YELLER (G-1:43)
4:30 THE SEA GYPSIES (G-1:43)
6:30 UP CLOSE
8:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL
9:00 Standing Room Only: AT THE FAIR
10:30 CROSSED SWORDS (PG-1:53)
12:30 CONRACK (PG-1:46)

**Friday
November 24**

3:30 Football: INSIDE THE NFL
4:30 GYMNASICS/ U.S. ACROSPORTS TEAM TRIALS
5:30 THE TRAIN ROBBERS (PG-1:32)
7:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL
8:00 Feature Showing: On Location: KING GOES TO QUEENS
9:00 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME (PG-2:35)
11:30 ELTON JOHN AT WEMBLEY
12:30 TAKE A HARD RIDE (PG-1:43)

**Saturday
November 25**

3:00 CONRACK (PG-1:46)
5:00 Football: INSIDE THE NFL
6:00 Feature Showing: PONY EXPRESS RIDER (G-1:40)
8:00 Feature Showing: HIGH-BALLIN' (PG-1:40)
10:00 THE MEDUSA TOUCH (PG-1:50)
12:00 On Location: CATSKILL COMEDIANS
1:30 SPECIAL DELIVERY (PG-1:39)

**Sunday
November 26**

3:00 ANOTHER MAN, ANOTHER CHANCE (PG-2:08)
5:30 SHOUT AT THE DEVIL (PG-2:08)
8:00 Feature Showing: JULIA (PG-1:56)
10:00 UP CLOSE
11:30 SHAMPOO (R-1:52)
1:30 UP CLOSE

**Monday
November 27**

6:00 CONRACK (PG-1:46)
8:00 On Location: KING GOES TO QUEENS
9:00 Standing Room Only: AT THE FAIR
10:30 THE BETSY (R-2:05)

**Tuesday
November 28**

6:00 THE MEDUSA TOUCH (PG-1:50)
8:00 HIGH-BALLIN' (PG-1:40)
10:00 THE TRAIN ROBBERS (PG-1:32)
11:30 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME (PG-2:05)



Joseph H. Cimaroli

Public Relations Officer Appointed

The Agawam Firefighters Local 1973 would like to announce the appointment of Joseph Cimaroli of 5 Granger Drive, Feeding Hills, as public relations officer for the organization.

College, seeking a bachelor's degree in Vocational Education.

Joe is married to the former Elena Lamagna, and they have two daughters, Tracy, 9, and Terri, 7.

Joe is a lifelong resident of Agawam, a 1967 graduate of Agawam High School, and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He entered the Agawam Fire Department on August 11, 1974, and has since earned an associate degree in Fire Science and is currently enrolled at Westfield State

In future articles, he will represent his union in bringing to the people of Agawam information regarding fire department emergencies, safety, union activities, and other items of interest to the town pertaining to the fire service.

School Lunch Menus

Agawam School Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 27 - Cup of tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, pickle chips, buttered green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 - Potted beef in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered sweet peas and carrots, dinner roll, applesauce cake w/ vanilla icing, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - Apple juice, ziti shells with meat sauce, Italian bread and butter, creamy cole slaw, cherry jello w/ whipped topping, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 30 - Oven-roasted chicken, whipped potatoes, cranberry sauce, buttered mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread and butter, pistachio pudding w/ whip topping, milk.

Friday, Dec. 1 - Filet of haddock, tartar sauce, ketchup, oven French fries, buttered kernel corn, ice cream, milk.

Southwick School Lunch Menu

Monday, Nov. 27 - Ham salad on roll, French fries, catsup, assorted relish, pudding w/ topping, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, buttered carrots, French bread w/ butter, chilled applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - Open face cheese sandwich/ tomato and bacon, potato chips, buttered corn, fresh apple, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 30 - Barbequed chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, brownie, bread and butter, milk.

Friday, Dec. 1 - Cheese pizza, buttered green beans, tossed salad w/ dressing, chilled peaches, milk.

Southwick Senior Citizens Menu

Wednesday, Nov. 22 - Hot turkey sandwich, sweet potato, spinach, pickled beets, apple cobbler.

Thursday, Nov. 23 - HOLIDAY

Friday, Nov. 24 - Chinese chop suey, rice, dried noodles, fruit salad, banana cake.

Monday, Nov. 27 - Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, yellow beans, celery sticks, chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, Nov. 28 - Haddock fingers, noodles, beets, chicken & rice, peanut butter bar.

Wednesday, Nov. 29 - Macaroni and cheese w/ ham, cauliflower, pickled beets, fresh pear.

Thursday, Nov. 30 - Salisbury steak w/ brown gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, onion soup, apple crisp.

Agawam Senior Center Wright Street

11/22: Pork cutlets, sweet/sour sauce, noodles, carrots, cherry crisp. Movies Today!
11/23: Thanksgiving - Closed!
11/24: Tunapatties w/ mushroom sauce, broccoli, bavarian cream.

11/27: Beef Stew, mashed potatoes, wax beans, apple
11/28: Cheese-noodle-sausage casserole, stewed tomatoes, banana bread
11/29: Chicken legs barbequed, potato puffs, squash, jello
11/30: Hamburg patties, scalloped potatoes, carrots and peas, plums
12/1: Fish, rice, spinach, sheet cake w/ frosting

On December 14, we will have one bus to the Coachlight Theatre to see Irene. Price is \$11.00. Unfortunately we could not get more tickets, so we will have only 45 seats on the bus.

The Agawam Golden Agers Club held its regular meeting on Nov. 15 at the Senior Center. A Christmas bazaar was held. At the next meeting on Nov. 29, the group will be entertained by Bolly Bostic and his harmonica.

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Mrs. Charles W. Earle Celebrates 90th Birthday

On October 7, 1978, Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Earle and Mr. and Mrs. Reece V. Hensley held a reception at the Capt. Leonard House in honor of the 90th birthday of their mother, Mrs. Charles W. Earle. Mrs. Andrea Heywood assisted.

Among the guests in attendance were her granddaughters Barbara and Janis Hensley of Charlottesville, Virginia; her grandsons, William, Henry, and Scott, of Agawam; her brother, George C. Withee of West Springfield; his sons Donald, George, Jr., and Stewart; her nephew Lt. Cmdr. David F. Withee and family of New London, Conn.; the C. Weston Stewards of Longmeadow.

Also attending the reception as guests were many friends from the Agawam Congregational Church and

the officers of the Mercy Warren Chapter DAR.

One of the highlights of the affair was the arrival of Mrs. Earle's first great-granddaughter, Erin-Beth Earle, in her christening dress. She was christened the next day at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Daughter of the late Fred Tappan and Mary White Withee of Springfield, Mrs. Earle has been a resident of Agawam since her marriage to the late Charles W. Earle in 1921. She has been active in the Agawam Garden Club, the Agawam Women's Club, the Wednesday Club, Friendly Workers of the Agawam Congregational Church, Mercy Warren Chapter DAR, and the Society of Mayflower Descendants, State of Maine.

Lisa Turowsky Engaged

An announcement has been made of the engagement of Lisa Turowsky, daughter of Mrs. Paul Turowsky and the late Mr. Turowsky of 51 Merrell Drive, Agawam, to Herman Ulloa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Ulloa of 80 Chestnut Lane, Agawam.

Both Miss Turowsky and Mr. Ulloa are graduates of Agawam High School and of the University of Massachusetts.

An April wedding at St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam, is planned.

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Mrs. Brian J. Levesque Brozini-Levesque Nuptials

The marriage of Cynthia Ann Brozini, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brozini of 491 Franklin St. Ext., Agawam, to Brian Joseph Levesque, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Levesque of 1001 Williams St., Longmeadow, took place on Friday, November 10, 1978, in St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam.

Serving as maid of honor was Lisa Brozini, sister of the

bride, and serving as best man was James Pelletier.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School, attended Springfield Technical Community College, and is employed by Traveler's Insurance Co.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Longmeadow High School and is employed by Springfield Sugar Co. in Suffield, Connecticut.

Caroleo's Celebrate Anniversary

On November 28, 1978, Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Caroleo of 1214 Suffield Street, Agawam will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married in St. John the Evangelist Church on November 28, 1953, by Rev. John P. Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Caroleo have

seven children - Daniel, Deborah, Donna, Diane, David, Doris, and Doreene.

Parents of Mrs. Caroleo are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Keeley of Suffield Street, Agawam.

Parents of Mr. Caroleo are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caroleo of Main Street, Agawam.

Cub Scouts See Man Mountain

The recently-formed Cub Scout Pack 76 of St. Theresa's Church in Agawam observed the November scouting theme "High Country" at its monthly pack meeting by presenting a variety of skits and displaying various crafts.

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Agawam
9 a.m. mass

St. Theresa of the Infant Jesus
74 Bridge Street
Agawam
9 a.m. mass

St. David's Episcopal Church
522 Springfield Street
Feeding Hills
9:30 a.m. services

Holly Berry Bazaar at Congregational Church

A Holly Berry Bazaar will be held at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, on Friday, December 1st and Saturday, December 2nd. A dessert card party will be Friday's event at 1:00 p.m. Call 786-8149 or 786-7111 for reservations. Christmas Bazaar will be

held from 10 to 4 on Saturday, featuring aprons, novelties, Christmas gifts and cards, baked goods, and homemade knitted articles.

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Agawam Junior Women's Club - organization and delivery of 19 family baskets and 6 meals for the elderly, including decorations, home-baked goods, eggs, nuts, and pies from the membership.

Agawam Jayceettes - 1 full Thanksgiving basket with turkey; to be delivered by them

Agawam Lions Club - \$50
Agawam Lioness Club - \$50
Agawam Food Mart - 40 bushel baskets with handles
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Connery - Two 17-lb. turkeys
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ferioli - One 12-lb. turkey
Lucien Breault, owner of Look Oil Co. - \$20
Mr. and Mrs. John Stone - fresh produce
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Soderman - \$15

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Anonymous family - \$15
Anonymous family - One full Thanksgiving basket with turkey
Anonymous family - One full Thanksgiving basket with turkey.

Support Clearing House for Holidays.

Mrs. Aprille Soderman, chairman of the Agawam Clearinghouse, reminds citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills that the Clearinghouse is in greater need of their support than ever before.

In order to aid deserving families in the community at Thanksgiving and Christmas,

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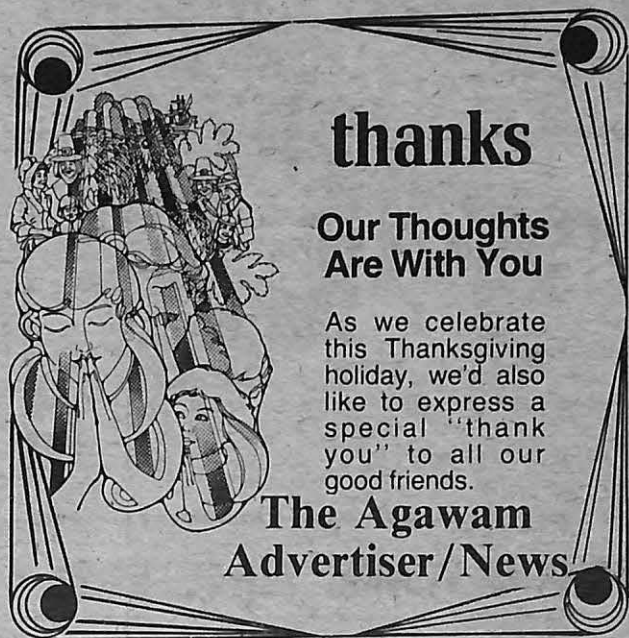
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Editorials



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Our Thoughts
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As we celebrate this Thanksgiving holiday, we'd also like to express a special "thank you" to all our good friends.

The Agawam
Advertiser/News



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

On or about December 1st, the new library on Cooper Street will open. Fine, but has anyone considered how the elderly will get to that building? I mean the elderly who do not have cars.

From where I live it is more than one mile to walk. I would not walk there even if I could. There are no sidewalks on that street. It is very dangerous to try to cross that street on foot. It is heavily travelled, and some drivers think it is the Indianapolis Speedway.

I wrote to the Town Manager Mr. Caputo, but he never answered me. Doesn't anyone care about the elderly? Must I stop taking books because of inability to get there?

Sincerely,
A Feeding Hills resident

To The Editor:

In response to a recent Editorial, I would like to comment mainly on the closing of the North Agawam Fire Station and the reason. While I do not live in that area, that does not lessen my concern for the people who do. Approximately two years ago the former Town Manager made known the intent to close this particular station and at that time I voiced my strong opposition to any such move. Admittedly, by the Administration, North Agawam is the *Oldest and Most Densely Populated* area of Town. Yes it is true that this building in North Agawam does not house the larger pieces of fire apparatus, but at least the people had some protection in that area. Yes it is true that time runs were made to determine the time it would take to reach that area but these test runs were done at a time of day when traffic was minimal. Unfortunately one cannot predict what time of day or night that a fire will break out. At peak traffic hours such as from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., could a fire truck from Agawam Center get through the traffic at the Agawam bridge and the intersection of Walnut and Springfield Streets in time to save a life

perhaps? Could a fire truck from Feeding Hills penetrate the traffic from Rte. 57 and O'Brien's Corner during the same hours? Life is too precious to take the chance.

Yes, it is true that the North Agawam station is old and perhaps outdated, but it could be used for a couple of more years when supposedly the Danahy School will not be safe for occupancy and the cafeteria section could be transformed into a nice, safe fire station for the people of North Agawam. Closing this station is not "trimming the fat," it is, in my opinion, "foolish economy," and has nothing to do at all with the Manager's "Zero-Based Budget" which means that each department's budget is reduced to zero and that each department head must account for each and every dollar requested. Along with the discussions concerning the SPAN Center, the Youth Center, the closing of the Center Library, the closing of the North Agawam fire station is tantamount to "Re-Organization" which in turn is skirting the law because "Re-Organization" plans have to be submitted to the Council and voted on by the Council.

I believe it is Councilor Fieldstad who said that the closing of the station was an "administrative move" and as such the Council could have no say in the matter. "Poppycock!" Why have a Council then, just to let the Manager do what he wants without question? The people of Agawam voted for peace and harmony on the Council and that is exactly what they got, but now no one is fighting for the interests of the people. The Editor asks shall we submit to the will of a few who are trying to run the town. I do not know who she is referring to but, I say more power to them. Unfortunately not enough people in Agawam realize that the Town is in fact being run (not by the few the Editor mentions), but by a few and the "Godfather of Agawam" is calling all the moves. Frightening but true.

Anita M. Davilli

Agawam Receives Conservation Grant

by Joanne Brown

The Town of Agawam has recently been awarded a grant for \$57,250 from the state Office of Environmental Affairs for a project initiated by the Conservation Commission at Ridgeview Park.

Ridgeview Park is a parcel of land located between North West and North Westfield Streets at the end of Provin Mountain Drive in Feeding Hills. It is planned by the Conservation Commission to be developed for passive recreation, such as pick-up ball games, cross-country skiing, hiking, and picnicking. In the awarding of funds such as these, the state will grant 50% of the appraised value of the property, and the Town of Agawam is asked to fund the difference between the asking price for the land and the amount granted by the state.

This piece of property was offered to the town by Mr. Frank Solitario for the sum of \$75,000, and the grant for \$57,250 equals 50% of the appraised value of the land, which is \$114,500. Thus, the Town Council will be requested to approve funds of \$17,750 to complete the acquisition of this property.

Mr. Dick Stapleton, research consultant for the Agawam Planning Board, has stated that a typographical error in the release sent from the Office of Environmental Affairs originally presented the amount granted to Agawam as \$157,000. After double-checking with Environmental Affairs Secretary Evelyn F. Murphy, he correctly ascertained the actual figure granted to

Agawam as \$57,250, which is 50% of the \$114,500 appraisal.

Mr. Stapleton also emphasized that much of the initial groundwork for this project was done by Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, a member of the Conservation Commission and chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee.

The land involved in this grant seems a natural location for a project of this type since it has on it two brooks and a pond which will be incorporated into the design of the recreational facilities. Picnic tables and basic playground equipment are to be added.

For the spring of 1979, the Town of Agawam has been virtually assured of approximately \$30,000 through another grant from the Young Adult Conservation Corps. This is a grant that Agawam just missed getting last year when state funds ran out, and it should definitely be awarded to us this spring.

It is monies from this grant that will fund the actual work to be done on Ridgeview Park. This additional grant will pay for 6 young adults between the ages of 16 and 22 to work on the construction of park facilities.

Mr. Stapleton said the project will not require a great deal of material. Most of what will be involved is simply the cleaning out of the 40 acres of property and setting it up for use by the public.

Mr. Stapleton emphasized the intention of the Conservation Commission is to have this property remain as a passive recreational facility.



Our Town

by Linda McQuade

The Old Cemetery Restoration Committee, a part of Southwick's Bicentennial Commission, recently presented the town with a commemorative book listing all those buried in Southwick's historical site.

Bound copies of the listings will be available for public reference at the Town Hall and in the library. Included in the book is a map of the site which correlates with cross-referenced files also located in the Town Hall.

The Commission began its work in 1975 in an effort to preserve the history of the Old Cemetery for future generations. Many hours were spent restoring the fence and grounds of the cemetery as well as careful listing of all the information contained on each grave stone. All together, 988 stones were catalogued.

I had the pleasure of working on this commission and learning a little bit of Southwick's history at the same time. Names like Gillett, Fowler, Holcomb, Kellogg, Laflin, Loomis, Palmer, Rising, Root, and Vining were repeated over and over and became as familiar as family.

We could speak of the Gillett obelisk or the grave of the three young girls who drowned in the Congamond lakes and know exactly their location. We could feel the mother's grief as she buried her young child or the sadness of a family who set up a marker for their son who died at sea.

There were no riotous Yankee epitaphs here. Here there was belief in God. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord," and eternal hope. "So like the little wreath he wore, Forever blooming fair. He on the Saviour's breast will hang and bloom forever there."

And the disquieting realization of man's mortal state emblazoned on stone for all of us to see. "Reader, behold as you pass by, As you are now so once was I, As I am now soon you must be. Prepare for death and follow me."

Southwick's Old Cemetery is a treasure, and the Commission's efforts should be only the first step in the preservation of Our Town's history.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Pat Guevin



Nineteen sets of parents in Feeding Hills have been made very happy by the School Committee this week. They won their case, and the School Committee, in a surprise action, approved - contrary to their policy - to reinstate bus service to a handful of Junior High students living in the North, North Westfield Street area. This appears to be a precedent setting move.

We question the validity of busing these children, and not busing the elementary school children from that same area who are presently walking. Not only is this unfair, it is also expensive. Not only will we have to expend the money, but by not complying with the state requirement for busing of a mile and a half, we will lose state reimbursement for the busing costs.

The School Committee is now in danger of receiving more demands for busing services from parents of school children in other parts of the town. This could prove costly, not only in dollar and cents, but also in ill-will. Could it be that certain members of the School Committee are already looking to 1979 when they must answer to the voters?

We want to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. We in Agawam do have a lot to be thankful for - whether we realize it or not.

Congratulations to Andy Bower, President of the Teacher's Association, and his group for the social hour they held in observance of National Education Week. The teacher turnout was excellent; it is too bad that more parents didn't take advantage of the opportunity to meet socially with the educators in Agawam, the school administration, and the school committee. Those parents who did attend thoroughly enjoyed it. I would like to see this become an annual event - with more parent participation.

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Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



Windows on the west side of your home will most always have the highest summer temperatures. Sustained heat in a western window can kill some plants. Cacti, succulents, and annuals are among the few plants that can stand this heat for a prolonged period of time. Still, other plants can be grown here with ease.

By keeping tender plants a foot or so back from the window, you can sustain their growth easily in a western window. A western exposure can receive about four hours of direct sun every day. There are three basic rules to keep in mind if you plan to grow plants in a direct western exposure. 1. Keep the humidity level up around the plants. 2. Create good air circulation. 3. Curtain the window to help filter the sun's scorching rays. Usually, from November to March, for any plants requiring bright light, it isn't necessary to use the curtain.

Many homes do not have direct exposures (i.e. North, South); some windows face northeast, southwest, and so on. These exposures can be used for many types of plants with ease. Simply remember, the closer to the window the plant is, the stronger the light will be for the plant. Light is not only different for plants in different exposures and during the four seasons, but it also varies by elevation and latitude. Light intensity is much higher in the mountains than at sea level, not only because places at higher elevations are closer to the sun, but also because the air is thinner.

Air conditioning can provide cool air movement for plants, but is also very drying. This is also true when the heat comes on for the winter. Plants will need extra humidity most of the year in the home. Misting leaves can help humidity, but remember not to mist fuzzy-leaved plants like the African violet or

piggyback plant. They don't like it.

To help keep humidity levels up around plants, you can set pots on trays filled with gravel. Keep water in the tray only up to just below the bottom of the pot. This time of the year, you might find a ray fuzz or a white fluff growing on the soil surface of some of your houseplants. Don't panic and call Dr. Salk. This is not mold that can do any harm to you or the plants. It is the growth of spores present in the soil all the time. The growth is forced by the lack of fresh summer breezes and the warmer air in the heated house.

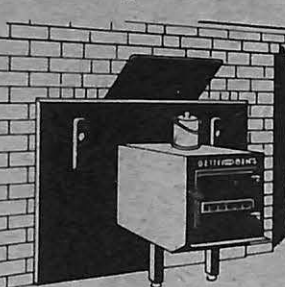
Notice also that most of your plants are not drying out quite as fast now. The prolonged moisture in the soil

contributes to the growth of this gray fuzz. Simply scrape it off the soil surface and add a little fresh soil if you wish.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

NEXT WEEK: Christmas cactus, Thanksgiving cactus. Planning next year's vegetable or flower gardens. KEEP SMILING! JMC

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November 21, 1978

Agawam Junior High School
Parents Night
7 to 9 p.m.

November 28, 1978

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Parents Night
7 to 9 p.m.

November 21, 1978

Phelps School Open House
7 to 9 p.m.

November 29, 1978

Cub Scout Pack 78
Meeting
Polish American Club
7:00 p.m.

November 21, 1978

Jaycee-ettes Plant Party
Captain Leonard House
Agawam, Mass.
7:30 p.m.

November 22, 1978

Fall Marching Concert
Agawam High Band
at High School
7:30 p.m.

December 2, 1978

Agawam Auxiliary Police
Annual Banquet
Polish American Club
Feeding Hills, Mass.
7:30 p.m.

November 23, 1978

Football Booster
Breakfast
Agawam High School
7-9 a.m.

December 2, 1978

Cheerleading Competition
Agawam High School
7 p.m.

November 25, 1978

AAA Soccer League
Bake Sale
Agawam Food Mart

December 4, 1978

Pre-schoolers Screening
Phelps School
By Appointment Only

November 25, 1978

Cathedral High Class of
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December 14, 1978

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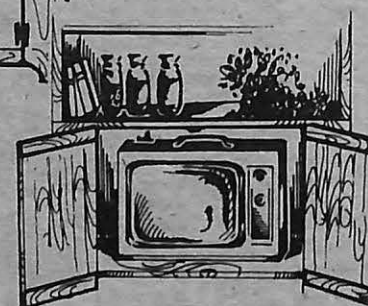


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AHS Band Takes 4th Place

The Agawam High School Band and Color Guard recently took fourth place at the "Nutmeg Cup" competition for high school marching bands at the University of Connecticut.

First place in the contest was won by the East Lyme High School, with Concord-Carlisle (Mass.) taking second, and Stamford (Conn.) taking third.

Other bands taking part in the Band Day activities included Hoosac Valley Regional, East Granby, East Hampton, Ellington, Roger Ludlow (Fairfield), Granby, Hebron, Whittingham, Griswold, Ledyard, Naugatuck, New Milford, Newtown, Simsbury, Somers, Stafford E. O. Smith, Waterford, and

Northwestern Regional.

Following the morning contest, the East Lyme Band and the combined bands of over 2000 students presented a half-time performance at the UCONN/Boston University football game.

The Agawam Band was presented with a cup which will be added to the many trophies previously won by the group and will be on display at the Marching Band Concert to be held at the high school on Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Band and color guard alumni who will be attending the concert are urged to register that evening and will be formally welcomed during the program, with a social hour to follow the concert.

Agawam High Parents' Night

The first Parents' Night of the year at Agawam High School will be held on Tuesday, November 28 from 7 to 9 p.m., at which time parents of students who appear to be having difficulty with subjects should avail themselves of the opportunity to discuss problems with teachers.

Because a large turnout is expected during the evening, it is necessary that parents and teachers limit their conference time to a maximum of five minutes. Parents may also wish to confer with the guidance department and

administration at this time.

The administration sincerely urges parents to attend Parents' Night since 100% cooperation between parents and teachers is desirable and can only be accomplished by personal acquaintance.

Parents are also invited to attend informal coffee hours held from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month that school is in session. The purpose of these sessions is to allow parents an opportunity for input, to visit classes, and to learn about the operation of the school.

CPR Courses Offered

Two American Red Cross Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) courses offered by the Agawam Adult Education have been completed.

A new course will be starting November 29 and will run for three consecutive Wednesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Agawam Junior High

School cafeteria. The cost is \$2 and the course will be taught by American Red Cross volunteer instructors.

Anyone wanting to renew his CPR card is also welcome.

Call Skip or Dorothy Rising at 786-0614 to sign up for the course.

5th Graders Learn Morris Dancing



Pictured above is Camble Kaynor who has been teaching Robinson Park School fifth graders ancient Morris Dancing. photo by Jack Devine

Fifth graders at Robinson Park School have spent one recess period each week for several weeks learning the ancient art of Morris Dancing.

Morris Dancing has its roots in pre-Christian England, so far in the past that no one is sure of the origin of the term "Morris." It

was, until recently, performed by teams of men only. Now, there are also women's teams.

Mr. Camble Kaynor, who has been teaching the "Robinson Park Morris Team," is himself a member of a Morris team as well as an accomplished dance musician.

School

Dr. Cannava



Mrs. Penny Stone (Left) presents Schools Ernest J. Cannava as Outstanding Educator, Diana Willard, president of the Club, looks on.

At last week's social hour held in observance of National Education Week, Superintendent of Schools Ernest J. Cannava was honored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club as the outstanding educator in our town.

Mrs. Diana Willard, president of the Agawam Juniors, and Mrs. Penny Stone, chairperson of the club's Education Federation, presented Dr. Cannava with a

plaque that had been decorated with quotations by Mrs. Laurel M. chairperson of Federation of the

Dr. Cannava was cited as being instrumental in the course of education at Agawam, but strengthening understanding and cooperation between parents and school.

Pre-schoolers To Be Screened

The Agawam Public Schools will conduct a developmental screening program on Monday, Dec. 4 for children 3 and 4 years of age with a reasonable likelihood of having substantial disabilities.

The screening will take place at the Phelps School and will be by appointment only.

Developmental screening is a brief check of a child's vision, hearing, eye-hand coordination, language abilities, and large motor control. Most children

develop in these areas at a rate which is within a normal range for their age. For some children, the developmental screening may indicate that more information about the child's abilities would be helpful.

Results of the screening will be discussed with the parents and assistance in further evaluations and/or obtaining services will be available.

For further information and an appointment, parents should call the Department of Special Services at 786-0777 or 786-0776.

Junior High Parents' Night

On Tuesday, Nov. 21, from 7 to 9 p.m., Agawam Junior High School will hold its first Parents' Night for the 1978-1979 school year. The administration and faculty cordially invite all parents to attend.

Teachers, guidance personnel, and administrators will be available for individual conferences regarding their child's school progress. Conferences will be limited to 5 minutes so that all will have an opportunity to meet with teachers during the evening. A student secretary will arrange and time each conference.

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attend, so please, don't
disappoint your children.

The PTO will serve
refreshments in the cafeteria
during the evening.

Mrs. Skolnick Appointed



photo by Jack Devine

Mrs. Barbara Skolnick, principal of Robinson Park School, has recently been appointed to the State Advisory Commission on Educational Personnel. She will represent Massachusetts elementary school principals on the board, which is comprised of representatives of universities, public and private schools, parents, and students.

Mrs. Skolnick was recommended for this four-year appointment by the president of the Mass. Elementary Principals Association.

She has taught in Boston and West Springfield and has been acting principal at Danahy School and principal at Peirce and Robinson Park Schools.

Schools Match Wits Goes For Third Win

Congratulations to the Agawam High School students who have been appearing on Channel 22's "As Schools Match Wits" program.

Their debut on November 11 showed them to be poised and knowledgeable as they soundly defeated Northfield/Mt. Hermon, whose students were trying for their second win. The final score - Agawam, 240, to Northfield/Mt. Hermon, 155 - earned our students a return engagement.

On November 18th, these confident scholars defeated Classical High School of Springfield in a well-fought battle. The final score was Agawam, 180, and Classical,

160.

The two-time winners will return on November 25th to face East Granby High School.

Three-time winners earn the privilege of final competition for scholarships in the spring. Agawam went all the way in 1969 and made it to the finals in 1971.

Very few schools accomplish the second win, making them eligible for the third attempt, and only a handful of schools make it to the big event.

Good luck to the members of this year's team - John Shaer, Arthur Wu, Bill Carr, Todd Rovelli, and, alternate, Ralph Albano.

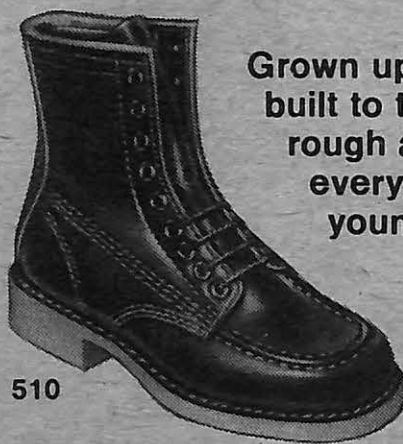
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Southwick

Nutrition Project Receives Funding for Fourth Year

The Title IV-C Nutrition Project in the Southwick School System has been selected as a statewide demonstration program and will thereby receive funding for a fourth year.

The nutrition project was funded under the Title IV-C grant for the implementation of innovative educational programs. Southwick's project was one of 24 selected to receive the initial three-year funding out of over 200 school district applications. It is now one of eleven projects from the original group to be designated as a state-wide demonstration project.

The Nutrition Education project, designed by Louise Haire, was under the direction

of Deborah Perry for its first two years. Mrs. Haire took over the reins of nutrition director when Mrs. Perry resigned last year.

The project integrates the concept of good nutrition with other subjects taught in the school curriculum.

"The total well-being of each individual depends on the food he eats. Only by learning proper food habits can each child achieve his full potential," Mrs. Haire said. "Project Nutrition was instituted to help all students understand basic nutrition and to encourage them to apply nutrition principles to daily living."

According to Mrs. Haire, many of the teachers in the

system have attended nutrition workshops conducted by the director and the Food and Dairy Council to improve their knowledge of and teaching skills in nutrition. Also, through the funding made available by the Title IV-C program, portable cooking facilities, science equipment and supplies were purchased for each school, as well as resource files, filmstrips, nutrition kits and games, cookbooks, and curriculum guides.

In grades K through 12, nutrition has been successfully correlated within almost every unit of study. In English, high school journalism classes publish a nutrition newsletter, which is distributed to the community. Seventh grade English students write and broadcast nutrition tips over the local radio station, and first graders do recall on the applesauce recipe after making and eating the applesauce.

In Social Studies, grades K through 12 have "Thanksgiving Experiences" studying nutrition and making the food the Pilgrims ate. Psychology students have researched how food affects mood, while other social studies classes have correlated food and culture.

In art, grades 1 - 4 enter a poster contest on nutritional breakfasts. Other classes design nutrition bulletin boards for their classrooms, cafeteria, and school corridors.

Nutrition is also brought into the science and math classes through the study of protein substitutes, successful preparation of nutritional meatless meats, animal feeding experiments, nutrition tests, the study of fractions using recipes and percentages using nutrition labels.

"Project Nutrition has created an awareness of good nutrition in the schools and the community," Mrs. Haire said. "The project is continuing with nutrition education and promoting the adoption of proper eating habits for all."

Southwick's nutrition project will be featured in a conference to introduce the eleven outstanding educational programs on November 29 at the Regional Education Center in West Boylston, Mass. The conference is sponsored by the Title IV-C Office and the Massachusetts Dissemination Project, Mass. Department of Education.

Women's Club Takes Over Blood Program

A group from the Southwick Women's Club met recently at the town library with Audrey Roberts of the Red Cross chapter in Westfield and Renate Oliver, field representative of the northeast region of the American National Red Cross Blood Program.

The purpose of this meeting was to determine how the Southwick Women's Club could assume the responsibility of the Red Cross Blood Program in Southwick.

Those attending this meeting were Irene Surges, president of the Women's Club, Mary Kvarnstrom, vice-president and chairman of the Red Cross Program Committee; Bea Atkins, Bertha Wilson, Jane O'Donnell, Doris Valenti, Jeanne Blanchette, Mrs. Durmin Nuttall, and Shirley Pace, community improvement chairman of the 14th District of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Future Bloodmobile dates have been set up at eight-week intervals, and it is hoped that donors will once again fall into the good habit of donating their blood regularly in their own town.

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, at the Powder Mill School from

Vision Screening



Felicia Circosta, 5, gets her vision screened during a session sponsored by the Women's Club for pre-schoolers. Bertha Wilson of the club is shown with Felicia. photo by Linda McQuade.

Holly Bazaar at Congregational Church

The annual Holly Bazaar of the Southwick Congregational Church will take place on Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will be sponsored by the women of the church.

A large variety of booths will feature homemade candy under the direction of Gladys St. Peter, home-baked goods under the direction of Mary Paules, white elephant and gifts under the direction of

Florence Warriner, hand-made aprons and other items under the direction of Peg Wood, Christmas wreaths under the direction of Janice Hall, Christmas decorations under the direction of Rose Landry, Judy Morin, and Ruth Till, plants under the direction of Barbara Briggs, and also children's grab bags, personalized Christmas ornaments by Maxine Collins, hand-cut children's silhouettes "while you wait" by Geneva Baillieul.

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The Country Mouse House has something in it for everyone. It is difficult to walk in and not walk out having bought something. One of the phenomena has been the number of items encompassing mice. Gwen used to think perhaps she was unique in her mouse collection, but has found many people who have the same interest. People are continually bringing her items created around a mice theme, as well as mousey critters for Gwen herself.

Gwen, or Mrs. Mouse as she is known, is a lovely young woman, wife and mother of two children, ages 4 and 5. She is one of those lucky people who has had a dream and not let it get out of her sight until she was able to make it happen. She gives a large portion of the credit to her husband Jack. Aside from the manual labor he provided, he provides Gwen with his support, which is probably as important a factor in the success of the Country Mouse House as anything else.

Another person who has helped make this dream come true for Gwen is her mother-in-law, fondly referred to as Grandma Mouse. Dorothy Magovern does many of the crafts found in the shop herself, and she also spends many hours there behind the counter. For many, it is like old home week when they go in, as Mrs. Magovern was once a school teacher. With Grandma Mouse behind the counter, the shop has the air of the old-fashioned country store where people gather to visit and talk.

Agawam should be proud of the Magoverns, as well as thankful. A little of Agawam's history, a fine old house, has been given new life, and I am sure that craftspeople everywhere are more than thankful to the Magoverns.

Seeing the Country Mouse House makes one believe that life does indeed go full circle. When the Bodurtha house was originally built in 1876, along with being full of love and life, one can be sure that the majority of furnishings, decorations, and gifts in the house were all handmade. How nice to see the house full of new life and to see the love given the handmade contents.

Well, we certainly hope so because we happen to be in the Country Mouse House, located at the corner of Suffield and Silver Streets in Agawam.

The old-timers in Agawam will remember when this house looked very different. The original house was built in 1876 by Frank Bodurtha for his bride. While the house has changed hands a couple of times since then, today, more than a hundred years later, the house is in the Bodurtha family again.

The house is now owned by Jack and Gwen Magovern.

Jack is the son of Dorothy Bodurtha Magovern, who raised her children in this very house. Jack bought back the house in 1964, renting it out for a while. He later decided to sell again, only to have the house remain on the market for two years.

Meanwhile, Gwen, members of her family, and friends had all been discovering the

it is indeed their livelihood.

One problem that besets the craftspeople, however, is finding an outlet for the crafts. In the past, the only means of displaying and selling the finished product has been crafts shows, which are limited by space, weather, time, and availability.

Gwen Magovern finally decided to use the property at



photo by Jack Devine

80 Silver Street - 1978

world of arts and crafts and, at the same time, discovering their own individual talents.

Craftspeople come in all ages, various sizes, men and women, but they all have two things in common. They are all gifted people, and they all love their crafts. Craftspeople practice their crafts for different reasons. For some, it is a hobby; for some, it means a little extra income; for some,

Suffield and Silver Streets as a gift shop in which to sell, on consignment, the crafts produced by herself, her family, and her friends.

Her husband Jack transformed the sagging old building into the lovely structure seen today. Upon entering the house, one can see that Jack is a craftsman himself, as he created a beautiful background for

displaying other people's crafts.

Naming her shop was probably one of Gwen's easiest tasks in her new venture. Mice seemed to be always popping up in Gwen's life, so she started collecting mouse trinkets, and people started giving them to her. It got to the point where Jack had to build her a miniature mouse house to accommodate all the mouse treasures.

The Country Mouse House opened its doors on August 9th of this year with 18 family members and friends displaying their wares. On October 1st, the Christmas Corner was added to the already existing four display rooms.

Today, Gwen, the keeper of the mouse house, has over 150 craftspeople bringing their crafts to her. She has not had to contact anyone to offer her services. The craftspeople have literally flocked to her door. Word of mouth still seems to be a pretty influential means of communication.

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Sports



Gridir on Moms pictured at the recent Toy Sale held to raise funds for scholarships are (from l. to r.) Joyce Geiger, Jeannine Beaudette, and Marie Saracino. photo by Jack Devine

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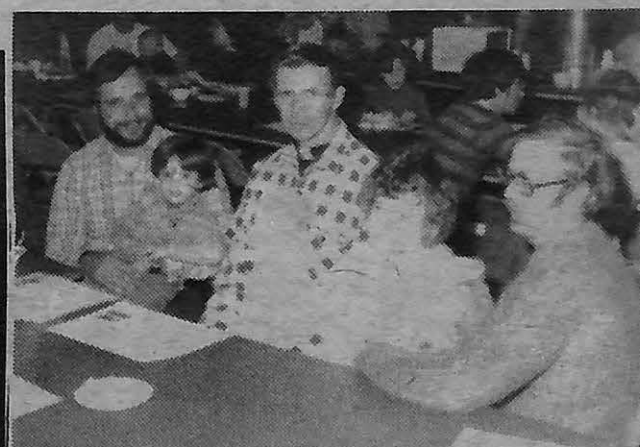
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Sportsmen's Corner



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There are many other sports sponsored and paid for by the tax payers and no doubt anti-hunters are participating in them. I don't condemn the participants and try to sway them to participate in a hunt with me. Each to his own desires. If these people would put their energy and money into avenues where they would help the poor human creatures on this earth who are starving, suffering from cancer, heart conditions, arthritis, etc., many of the problems facing homo sapiens would be solved. Wild animals have to be managed by people who go to college and earn degrees so that they can do a good job. Hunting is a tool by which the numbers of animals are controlled in order that enough food is available for them to live a healthy life.

Last year approximately 70,000 deer died from starvation in New Hampshire and Vermont. No doubt the people who write me these letters are "fat cats" and have no idea how painful starvation is. I have seen it with my own eyes while in India a few years ago. Every morning a horse drawn lorry would pick up the poor creatures who had died during the night in the streets. Men, women, and children. A sight that vividly remains with me. I think those 70,000 deer suffered the same pains and convulsions as the people did in India. I feel it is better to harvest the excess deer by hunting and utilizing the meat, instead of letting it rot in the forest where the deer laid down for the last time.

The greatest killer of wildlife is not the hunter—it is the disappearing habitat. Developers, road builders and the filling in of wetlands are wildlife's greatest enemy. Agawam and Southwick are prime examples of wildlife habitat degradation.

Hunting isn't the killing. Killing is the sad part of the overall adventure. Hunting to me is a great many things. Hearing the dog baying while he is chasing the rabbit; observing the bird dog

coming to a perfect point on a bird; having the Lab search out and find the downed duck and proudly bringing it back to the blind; and the most beautiful sight you can ever behold is the wakening of the forest at dawn. Many, many mornings I have been a witness to the stirring of the creatures of the wild from my tree stand. First comes the scurrying of the red squirrel through the dry leaves; the small gray mouse about the size of your thumb dashing from one leaf and under another; the many cries of the blue jay; robins stirring in the buckthorn growths; the clucking of the grouse as it struts carefully in front of me and pecks at an apple on the ground; the mother raccoon who suddenly appears in the apple tree and drops down apples to the two youngsters on the ground and all the time

they are keeping a running conversation going; the shrill cry of the porcupine that raises the hair on the back of your neck; and suddenly a small deer appears and starts eating apples. It is too small to shoot, but what a pleasure to watch. I have seen them sit down and scratch themselves like a dog, roll over and over ridding themselves of an itchy spot and one morning two small deer appeared and had a great time bucking each other and every once in a while, one would take a bite out of the other. This is what I enjoy about hunting. I can't commune with the animals, but I can do the next best thing...observe them in their environment and enjoy the wonders of nature. All I have to say is IF YOU HAVEN'T TRIED IT...DON'T KNOCK IT!!!

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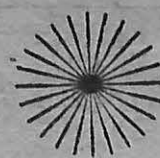
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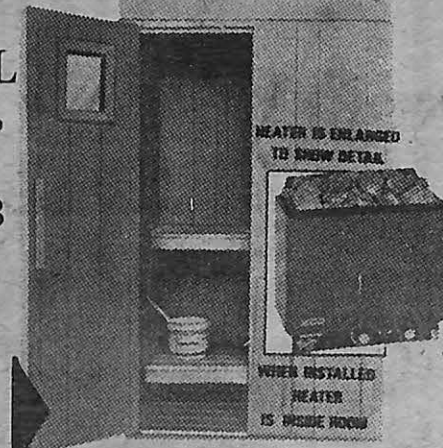
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immediately start to play games without hitting the ball for a while?

Consider warming up an important part of any athletic activity; it helps your mind and muscles to coordinate, improves reaction time, and helps to prevent injury.

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ment.

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Our Feathered Friends

by Mary Os

One reader called in and asked if I could dedicate an article to that perennial harbinger of spring, the American robin. I wondered what prompted her interest in a bird we rarely see during the colder months, but then remembered that I myself had seen some robins running across the backyard only last week. Perhaps a curious sighting like the one I experienced had aroused her interest.

Probable most people assume that robins migrate south for the winter and return in the spring. This has long been the understanding of many learned birders. The flocking activity during spring and fall by the robin has given much credence to this theory; however, ornithologists are now classing the robin as a partial migrant. Like the blue jay, the robin may migrate only a few miles south and remain in New England all winter. Unlike the blue jay, the robin sticks to the woods during the winter and will not visit a feeder.

Another interesting thought that ornithologists are entertaining is that migration may be more a function of food supply than temperature or length of daylight. Recent warm temperatures do seem to be enticing robins back into the open spaces to hunt live insects.

The American robin has an interesting history. Homesick English colonists were delighted to find a red-breasted bird in their new environment and promptly named it *robin*. The robin popular in England, however, is a *chat* and not of the same family as the American robin.

which is a thrush. The colonists, in fact, named every red-breasted bird a robin, and there was much confusion for the natural scientists for quite a while. The American robin itself did little to straighten things out. As a thrush, it could be expected to exhibit a spotted breast, a condition that exists only in the young robin. They do feed on the ground and use the "freeze and dart" method typical of their type. They are also territorial birds and protect their areas fiercely during the breeding season. Even the females stake out a separate area in the winter.

Robins suffer from a high mortality rate. A pair might produce three broods in one season. They build their nest in a bush or on a tree limb. The female does most of the work while the male stands guard over their territory. He is aggressive and quick to challenge invaders. His own reflection in a hubcap or window might be enough to send him into a protective rage. When the three or four eggs have hatched, "Dad" can be counted on to help with the feedings.

Because another brood will soon be on the way, the fledglings are often ousted from the nest before they are truly ready to face the world. The male remains near them and tries to protect them until his services are once again needed by the expectant mother.

The American robin is a popular bird and has been named the state bird of Connecticut, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

I want to thank the reader for her interest and question about the robin and invite anyone with a question, comment, or unusual sighting to drop a note to the Agawam Advertiser/News.

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